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NEWS RELEASE

The International Bridge Administration today announced that one-way traffic crossings of the International Bridge at Sault Ste. Marie totaled 135,694 for the month of April, 2004. This represents an increase of 3.73% as compared to April, 2003.

Traffic statistics for the month are as follows:

<i>Vehicle Classification</i>	<i>One-Way Crossings</i>	<i>Change from April, 2003</i>	<i>Percent of Total Crossings</i>
<i>Full-Fare Passenger Cars:</i>	62,737	14.5%	46.2%
<i>Commuter Fare:</i>	60,433	-5.5%	44.6%
<i>Car Pulling Trailers</i>	1,749	-14.4%	1.3%
<i>Commercial Trucks:</i>	10,775	7.5%	7.9%
<i>Totals:</i>	135,694		100%

Traffic for calendar year 2004 has totaled 537,207 vehicles; this represents an increase of .2% as compared to 2003. Since the bridge opened in 1962, over 75,670,000 vehicles have crossed the structure.

Manager's note:

Another busy summer is planned for maintenance work on the bridge. Maintenance workers will routinely be on the bridge during the day completing a number of maintenance projects to keep the 40+ year old structure in good condition and structurally sound. The safety of bridge maintenance workers and the traveling public is top priority. Drivers are reminded to abide by the posted speed limit on the bridge and to be extra cautious and slow down when workers are on the bridge. Traffic will be maintained at all times by workers flagging during all maintenance work.

Sincerely,

International Bridge Administration

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